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The reply filed on 10-22-03 is still not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: the election of "glycol" as the single disclosed specie of the protective group is not responsive to the need to elect a single ultimate disclosed specie of (a) a silanol group containing polymer, and (b) a protective group. A single ultimate disclosed specie of (a) has still not been elected, and "glycol" is a class of compounds, not a single compound. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

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